



Legislation Text

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Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” to revise certain provisions of Chapter 14-200, entitled “Definitions” and Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by amending the provisions of the /WWO Wissahickon Watershed Overlay; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 14. ZONING AND PLANNING

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CHAPTER 14-200. DEFINITIONS

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§ 14-203. Definitions.

For purposes of this Zoning Code, the following definitions shall apply; words, phrases, and terms not defined herein, but defined in Title 4 (The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code), shall be construed as defined in Title 4.

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(154) Impervious Ground Cover.

Any building, pavement, or other material that substantially bars the natural infiltration of surface water into the soil. Manufactured materials *that meet the Water Department’s design standards* [demonstrated to be pervious] shall not be considered impervious ground cover. [The Commission may promulgate regulations regarding the types of cover that may be considered impervious, consistent with the intent of this definition.]

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CHAPTER 14-500. OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS

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§ 14-510. /WWO, Wissahickon Watershed Overlay District.

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(5) Setbacks from Watercourses.

(a) There shall be no new impervious ground cover constructed or erected within 200 ft. of the bank of a stream or within 50 ft. of the center line of a swale within the /WWO overlay district. Streams and Swales that have been buried in sewer *or in embedded culverts*, [pipe, or in an artificial, concrete and stone channel,] shall be excluded.

(b) *For the purposes of this section, § 14-510. /WWO, Wissahickon Watershed Overlay District, the following terms are defined:*

(.1) Culvert

A tunnel, typically embedded so as to be surrounded by soil, carrying a stream or open drain under a road or railroad.

(.2) Sewer

An underground conduit for carrying drainage water and waste material.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.